

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **LEWIS COUNTY**

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## 2022 By the Numbers

- 2,725 direct contacts
- 239 youth participants
- 48 volunteers
- 1,922 volunteer hours
- \$88,870 extramural funding

## Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Lewis County:

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## 2022 Impact

Crop programs provided by UI Extension, Lewis County help farmers receive annual information on variety trials and other crop research through cereal schools, crop tours and educational certification for pesticide applicator's licensing. Nearly 40 local farmers participated in the 2022 Prairie Area Crop and Conservation Tour at Nezperce. University of Idaho and industry partners led participants on a tour of local crop trials, giving them real-time information on variety performances and best management practices. Tour topics included winter canola, winter wheat varieties, and pea and lentil varieties on the Camas Prairie. Thanks to a strong partnership with the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Services, the 2022 tour also featured a stop at a recently completed collaborative conservation project. This project highlighted strategic livestock fencing that aided in riparian area rehabilitation.

## 4-H in Lewis County

4-H participation is a long-standing tradition for many generations of Lewis County residents. Nearly half of all eligible youth participate in 4-H, with 239 members enrolling in 2022. The 4-H program also serves as a good precursor for youth to join one of the county's FFA chapters when they meet age eligibility. Lewis County staff and leaders hosted multiple opportunities for members to engage in new curriculum and learn new skills. Topics included an introduction to parliamentary procedures, learning about beef carcass quality, learning how to effectively complete a record book, youth leadership development, and more. In addition, 128 youth participated in the CL2N 4-H Camp at Camp Sanders, and 190 youth attend the North Central Idaho Farm and Forest Fair.

Lewis County is actively working to rebuild the livestock facilities that collapsed under heavy snow load in January 2022. Many companies and community supporters have given generous donations to help make this possible. There is hope that the new barn will be completed by late summer 2023, to host the 2023 Lewis County Fair.

## On the Horizon

UI Extension, Lewis County has a variety of offerings planned for the upcoming year that include both new and existing events covering topics such as utilizing goats in cover crop rotations, farm business management and succession, regenerative agriculture, forestry, exploring new curriculum in 4-H youth development, and more. In addition to the long-standing Prairie Area Crop and Conservation Tour and Cereal School, Lewis County is looking forward to a new series called Crop Topics. This series will highlight individuals from the industry and give them the opportunity to discuss the latest technology/current news within the industry.

Another new offering Lewis County is excited to offer is a partnership with Cornerstone Teen Center in Nezperce. A monthly session in topic areas the teens have chosen will be offered. Some of these topics include money management, personal skills such as baking, bill paying, applying for colleges and financial aid, and more.

UI Extension, Lewis County is also excited to partner with the Idaho Department of Lands and offer a program that celebrates the women and families behind family forests.